

# Forestry Incentives Program

*Sign-Up Period: January 23, 2002 – September 30 2002*

## Eligible Participants:

- Landowners who own “non-industrial” private forest lands.
- Landowners can be individuals, groups, associations, Indian Tribes, and corporations (whose stock is not publicly traded).
- Landowners must not own, in whole or in part, forest product industries such as logging businesses or any other companies associated with industrial forest production, including public utility services.
- Landowners must own less than 1,000 acres capable of producing 50 cubic feet of wood per acre per year.
- Ownerships between 1,000 and 5,000 acres can request a waiver from the acreage limitation with a letter submitted to the State Conservationist and the State Forester explaining the need for cost-share.
- *Landowners who own over 5,000 acres of eligible land cannot be approved to participate.*

**Eligible Land:** To be considered eligible, land must be capable of producing at least 50 cubic feet of wood per acre per year.

**Application Process:** An application can be obtained from the local NRCS office or from the county forester’s office. **Only landowners can sign the application.** *Family members, neighbors, and partners (not connected with the land ownership) cannot sign the applications.* Forestry consultants (with a signed agreement), estate managers and power-of-attorneys can act for the landowner with authorized signature from the landowner.

**Approved Practices:** The following practices are eligible for cost-share:

- tree planting
- forest stand improvement
- natural forest regeneration.

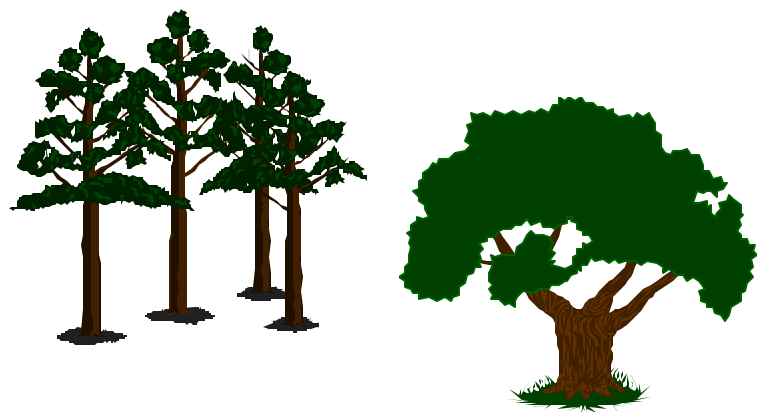
Tree planting and natural forest regeneration includes site preparation. *Nurse trees and wildlife plantings are not eligible under FIP for cost-share.*

## Cost-Share Amounts:

For pine trees, the cost-share amount is 40% of the actual bills not to exceed a maximum cap.

For hardwoods the rate is 65% of the actual bills not to exceed a maximum cap.

The maximum cap is an amount calculated based on an approved cost-share rate for each practice. Contact your local NRCS office for the cost-share rates for each practice.



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